

REMARKS

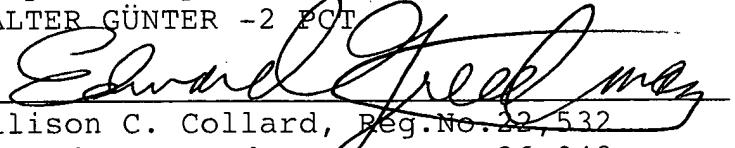
It is believed that the present invention is directed to a unitary inventive concept, namely, a process for the production of a multilayer composite material and the composite material produced by this process. It is believed that any search for the five layer composite species and related composition and/or process species would necessarily include a search for the four layer composite species and related composition and/or process species. Thus, a simultaneous search for all Groups of claims and species is believed not to constitute an unreasonable search for the Patent Examiner.

In addition, it is believed that the objectives of streamlined examination and compact prosecution would be promoted if a search were conducted simultaneously for all of the species. Also, the necessity of filing multiple patent applications for the same invention does not serve to promote the public interest. This is because of the extra expense that is involved, in filing fees and examination costs, as well as the burden upon the public due to the necessity of searching through a multiplicity of patent files in order to find the complete range of subject matter claimed in several different patents that could otherwise be found in one issued patent only.

Applicant expressly reserves the right to file divisional patent applications for the non-elected species.

For all these reasons, it is respectfully requested that the Requirement for Election of Species under 35 U.S.C. 121 be withdrawn, and that an action on the merits of all the claims be rendered.

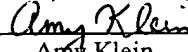
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